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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"I have no information regarding this year. But so far 31 Rural Dispensaries of Modern Medicine and 31 Rural Dispensaries of Indigenous Medicine are said to be remaining closed for want of medical men."

Quarters to the Medical Officers of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram.

* 25 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any quarters have been allotted by the Government to the Medical Officers of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram ;

(*b*) whether the Superintendent and other Medical Officers of the Sanatorium are residing at Tambaram; and if not, why not;

(*c*) the number of female wards in the Sanatorium and the average number of women in-patients for a month; and

(*d*) the number of women Medical Officers working in the Sanatorium ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) Two quarters have been allotted by the Government for two Assistant Surgeons. One room has been provided for T.D.D. students and four rooms are also provided for four paid house surgeons.

"(*b*) The Superintendent and the Medical Officers of the Sanatorium except those mentioned in the answer to clause (*a*) above are not residing at Tambaram as no quarters are provided for them.

"(*c*) Eight wards and one hundred and fifty patients respectively.

"(*d*) Only one Senior Woman Assistant Surgeon is at present working in the institution."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know what steps the Government are taking to provide quarters in the Sanatorium compound for the Superintendent and other Medical Officers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Quarters for hospital workers are considered more urgent than quarters for Medical Officers, since the majority of hospital workers have to come from long distances."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"Is not the efficiency of the Sanatorium highly affected by the non-residence of the Superintendent and other Medical Officers at Tambaram? I learn that the Superintendent is daily going from Madras to the Sanatorium."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"No, Sir. The Superintendent has got a phone and at any moment of emergency he can go within twenty minutes to the Sanatorium."

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Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" The Hon. Minister stated in his reply that there was only one Woman Medical Officer for the whole Sanatorium. May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of posting adequate number of Women officers? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" A Senior Woman Assistant Surgeon was posted on the 25th July this year. There is a proposal to appoint another Woman Medical Officer."

Sri G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Is it a fact that the incidence of tuberculosis is more in the case of ladies than in the case of men? If so, will the Government kindly make it their policy to provide more wards for ladies? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Less number of women patients are seeking admission, Sir." (Laughter.)

Reservation of seats for students of Scheduled and Backward classes in the Arts and Professional Colleges.

* 26 Q.—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any rules for the reservation of seats for Scheduled classes and Backward communities in regard to admissions to all State-aided Arts and Professional Colleges; and

(b) if so, whether these rules are being strictly followed?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) No specific percentage has been fixed for reservation of seats for the Scheduled castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes in the private colleges and the Universities in receipt of aid from the Government but the managements of aided Colleges and the Universities have been requested to extend their fullest co-operation in the matter of encouraging the higher education of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the other Backward Classes. Most of the managements are co-operating with the Government."

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister furnish figures regarding the number of students of Backward Communities who have been admitted into these Professional Colleges? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have got the figures. If the hon. Member is interested, he may put a separate question or if he asks for information, I will supply him."

Child Beggars in the City.

* 27 Q.—Dr. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of child beggars are found in thoroughfares and in places of heavy traffic in the City of Madras;